GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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CRIME AGAINST WOMEN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to latest data of National Commission for Women,the cases of dowry,rape and harassment against women have increased during the last three years;

(b) if so,the details thereof,State-wise and reasons therefor; and

(c) the effective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to curb such cases?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a): The data available with the National Commission for Women indicates increase in the number of complaints received on dowry,rape and harassment cases against women.

(b): State-wise cases reported to National Commission for Women during the last three years are annexed.The increase in number of complaints may be due to increased awareness.

(c): The National Commission for Women has proposed amendments to the Dowry Prohibition Act and laws relating to rape to make them more stringent.A legislation on sexual harassment of women at work place is also on the anvil.